

815 KAR 20:032. Continuing education requirements for plumbers.

RELATES TO: KRS 318.054, 318.130

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 318.054, 318.130

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 318.130 authorizes the department to adopt and put into effect a State Plumbing Code. KRS 318.054 authorizes the department, after review by the State Plumbing Code Committee, to adopt continuing education requirements for plumbers. This administrative regulation establishes those requirements.

Section 1. Master Plumbers. (1) Each master plumber shall provide proof of completion of eight (8) hours of continuing education prior to license renewal. The required continuing education shall be received within twelve (12) months prior to renewal except as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

(2) Continuing education courses shall relate to one (1) or more of the following:

- (a) Business;
- (b) Job safety;
- (c) The Kentucky state plumbing code; or
- (d) Items directly related to the plumbing trade.

(3) A licensed master plumber who accumulates more than the eight (8) hours of continuing education required annually, may carry forward the excess credit hours into the two (2) successive educational years for the purpose of satisfying the minimum requirement for those two (2) years.

(a) Carry forward credits shall be limited to a total of twelve (12) hours.

(b) All excess credits above the total of twelve (12) hours shall remain on the licensed master plumber's records but shall not be carried forward.

(4) A licensed master plumber teaching or participating as a panel member in an approved continuing education course for plumbing shall be granted one (1) credit hour for each fifty (50) minutes of actual instruction time.

Section 2. Journeyman Plumbers. (1) Each journeyman plumber shall provide proof of completion of eight (8) hours of continuing education prior to license renewal. The required continuing education shall be received within twelve (12) months prior to renewal except as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

(2) Continuing education courses shall consist of a minimum of two (2) hours on job safety. The other six (6) hours shall consist of:

- (a) The Kentucky state plumbing code;
- (b) Job safety; or
- (c) Items directly related to the plumbing trade.

(3) A licensed journeyman plumber who accumulates more than the eight (8) hours of continuing education required annually, may carry forward the excess credit hours into the two (2) successive educational years for the purpose of satisfying the minimum requirement for those two (2) years.

(a) Carry forward credits shall be limited to a total of twelve (12) hours.

(b) All excess credits above the total of twelve (12) hours shall remain on the licensed journeyman plumber's records but shall not be carried forward.

(4) A licensed journeyman plumber teaching or participating as a panel member in an approved continuing education course for plumbing shall be granted one credit hour for each fifty (50) minutes of actual instruction time.

Section 3. Combined Master and Journeyman Licenses. An individual who is a holder of both a master and a journeyman license shall meet the continuing education requirements of Section 1 of this administrative regulation.

Section 4. Inactive Master Licenses. (1) An inactive master plumber shall not be required to complete continuing education to maintain inactive status.

(2) If the inactive licensed plumber wishes to activate his or her license to the status of an active master plumber, he or she shall meet the requirements of Section 1 of this administrative regulation.

(3) Any excess continuing education credit hours that a master plumber may be carrying forward shall not count towards continuing education requirements for re-activation of an inactive license.

Section 5. Delinquent Licenses. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section prior to reinstatement, an individual whose master or journeyman license is delinquent shall complete the total number of continuing education hours per year that the license has been delinquent.

(2) The number of hours necessary for reinstatement shall not exceed forty (40) hours.

Section 6. Continuing Education Courses. (1) All continuing education shall be completed in one (1) or more courses approved by the department and the Kentucky state plumbing code committee for master and journeyman plumbers pursuant to 815 KAR 20:034.

(2) Continuing education courses shall be offered only by providers approved by the department and the Kentucky State Plumbing Code Committee pursuant to 815 KAR 20:034. (34 Ky.R. 1330; Am. 1749; eff. 2-1-2008; 37 Ky.R. 864; Am. 1212; eff. 12-3-2010.)